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SUBJ: RWANDA AND ASIAN MATTERS (INCLUDING PRG/GRUNK RE-
COGNITION)

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1. PRG-GRUNK RECOGNITION. AS INDICATED RECENT CON-
VERSATIONS KIGALI AND NEW YORK (REFTELS), RWANDAN FONMIN
NSEKALIJE HAS BEEN AMBIVALENT ON QUESTIONS PRG/GRUNK
RECOGNITION AND GOR SUPPORT RVN AND GKR. UNDERLYING
HIS OCCASIONALLY VAGUE PHRASEOLOGY HAVE BEEN HINTS OF
PERSONAL PREFERENCE FOR RVN/GKR COMBINED WITH STATEMENTS
THAT RWANDA AS SMALL NON-ALIGNED STATE SEEKING EXPAND
ITS AFRICAN CREDENTIALS AND IMAGE MUST ALSO BE RE-
SPONSIVE RADICAL INTERESTS. DURING CONVERSATION WITH
AMB OCT 22, FONMIN STATED EXPLICITLY WHAT WE HAVE
SUSPECTED I.E. HE RECOMMENDED LONG GOR STUDY AND SOUGHT
OUR ARGUING POINTS AGAINST PRG/GRUNK RECOGNITION IN ORDER
FORESTALL GOR MOMENTUM. HE INDICATED HIS CURRENT TASK IS
TO SOMEHOW MAKE GOR "FORGET THE MATTER".

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2. KOREA. ON KOREAN ISSUES, GOR IS NOW IN DPRK CAMP. IN ADDITION COMMENTS NOTED (KIGALI 0566) AND HIS UNGA SPEECH, FONMIN COMMENTED OCT 22 THAT ROK HAS SUFFERED FROM INACTIVITY IN RWANDA WHILE DPRK HAS BEEN ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN POLITICAL, CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC CONTACT. HE ADDED RWANDA "WOULD NOT BEG", BUT AS ONE OF WORLD'S LEAST-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IT HAD TO CONSIDER THOSE WHO "GIVE CLOTH TO THE NEEDY". EMB THUS BELEIVES ROK IN RWANDA HAS UPHILL TASK WHICH TO HAVE ANY CHANCE OF SUCCESS MUST INCLUDE SOME SORT OF CULTURAL/ECONOMIC AID ACTIVITY.

3. ASSESSMENT. MY CURRENT ASSESSMENT IS THAT WE HAVE SUCCEEDED IN HAVING GOR PUT RECOGNITION QUESTIONS ON SHELF FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD. RECOGNITION PRG SEEMS PARTICULARLY DEAD (GOR ACCEPTS SANCTITY PARKS ACCORDS); GRUNK RECOGNITION IS POLITICALLY MORE COMPLEX AND WILL RE-ACTIVATE WHENEVER PRES OR FONMIN TRAVEL ABROAD AND RECEIVE EITHER BLANDISHMENTS OR "FRATERNAL" CRITICISM. ONE LIABILITY IN GOR FOREGOING RECOGNITION IS THAT IT PROBABLY WILL BE INCLINED COMPENSATE BY OTHER FORMS SUPPORT FOR SELECTED RADICAL CAUSES. WE WILL NATURALLY BE WORKING TO RESTRICT SUCH ACTIONS.

4. I AM CERTAIN WE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE HOLD LINE ON PRG/GRUNK RECOGNITION EXCEPT FOR OUR RECENTLY HEIGHTENED PROFILE IN RWANDA (PARTICULARLY ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE). IT HAS IMPROVED OUR ACCESS AND GOR MUST NOW CONSIDER OUR ATTITUDES IN PRACTICAL TERMS AS WELL AS ON THEIR THEORETICAL MERITS. FONMIN COMMENTED PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA HAD RECENTLY EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH IMPROVED AND MORE ACTIVE US-RWANDAN RELATIONS.
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